<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

Please cancel Claims 5, 7, 15 and 17 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1 to 4, 6, 8 to 14, 16 to 27, as follows:

1.　　(Currently Amended)　An image inputting apparatus comprising:

<u>a</u> capture <u>section, arranged to capture</u> ~~means for capturing~~ an image;

<u>a</u> storage <u>controller, arranged to store</u> ~~control means for storing~~ the captured image <u>in</u> ~~in a~~ memory;

<u>a</u> communication <u>section, arranged to communicate</u> ~~means for communicating~~ with an information processing apparatus to which a printer ~~apparatus~~ is connected; ~~and~~

<u>an</u> inputting <u>section, arranged to input</u> ~~means for inputting~~ a print request of the captured or stored image<u>; and</u>

<u>a setting section, arranged to set a display property which defines image processing to be applied to an image by the information processing apparatus,</u>

wherein said communication <u>section</u> ~~means~~ transmits a print execution instruction<u>,</u> ~~and an~~ <u>the captured or stored</u> image to be printed<u>, and the display property</u> to the information processing apparatus when said inputting <u>section</u> ~~means~~ inputs the print request.

2.　　(Currently Amended)　The <u>image inputting</u> apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image inputting apparatus is a digital still camera.

3.　　(Currently Amended)　The <u>image inputting</u> apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said communication <u>section</u> ~~means~~ communicates via a serial bus.

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4.　(Currently Amended)　The image inputting apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a display arranged to display means for displaying the captured or stored image, and

wherein said communication section means transmits an image corresponding to the image displayed on said display means as an image to be printed to the information processing apparatus when said inputting means inputs the print request.

Claim 5 (Cancelled).

6.　(Currently Amended)　The image inputting apparatus according to claim 1 claim 5, wherein the display property is at least one of a lightness, gains of respective color components, contrast, color temperature, and gamma value.

Claim 7 (Cancelled).

8.　(Currently Amended)　The image inputting apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a layout setter arranged to set setting means for setting a layout upon printing an image, and

wherein said communication section means transmits the set layout together with the image to be printed to the information processing apparatus when said inputting means inputs the print request.

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9.   (Currently Amended) The <u>image inputting</u> apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising:

a display <u>section arranged to display</u> ~~means for displaying~~ a pointing cursor together with the captured or stored image, <u>to set</u> ~~and wherein~~ the layout ~~is set~~ by moving the pointing cursor <u>using</u> ~~by~~ said layout <u>setter</u> ~~setting means~~.

10.   (Currently Amended) The <u>image inputting</u> apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a <u>storage, arranged to store</u> ~~template image storage means for storing~~ information indicating a plurality of template images which can be <u>synthesized</u> ~~composited~~ with the captured or stored image; and

a <u>selector, arranged to select</u> ~~selection means for selecting~~ a template image to be ~~composited~~ <u>synthesized,</u> ~~and~~

wherein said communication <u>section</u> ~~means~~ transmits information indicating the selected template image together with the image to be printed ~~when said inputting means inputs the print request~~.

11.   (Currently Amended) The <u>image inputting</u> apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said ~~template image~~ storage ~~means~~ stores thumbnail images of the template images.

12.   (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a communication section, arranged to receive ~~means for receiving~~ a print execution instruction, ~~and~~ an image to be printed, and a display property from an image inputting apparatus;

a processor, arranged to perform image processing defined by the received display property on the received image; and

a controller, arranged to issue ~~control means for issuing~~ a print request of the processed ~~received~~ image ~~to a connected printer apparatus,~~ and to transmit ~~transmitting~~ the processed image to a connected printer ~~be printed~~.

13.   (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the image inputting apparatus is a digital still camera.

14.   (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said communication section ~~means~~ communicates via a serial bus.

Claim 15 (Cancelled).

16.   (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 12 ~~claim 15~~, wherein the image processing ~~process~~ is at least one of luminance correction, color correction, error diffusion, dithering, gain correction in units of color components, contrast correction, and gamma correction.

Claim 17 (Cancelled).

18.   (Currently Amended) The <u>information processing</u> apparatus according to <u>claim 12</u> ~~claim 15~~, wherein said <u>processor</u> ~~image processing means~~ generates image data <u>as to</u> the <u>processed image</u> ~~to be printed~~ in accordance with layout information received from the image inputting apparatus together with the image to be printed.

19.   (Currently Amended) The <u>information processing</u> apparatus according to <u>claim 12</u> ~~claim 15~~, further comprising:

    <u>a</u> ~~template image~~ storage <u>arranged to store</u> ~~means for storing~~ a plurality of template images which can be <u>synthesized</u> ~~composited~~ with an image, ~~and~~

    wherein said <u>processor</u> ~~image processing means~~ generates image data <u>as the</u> <u>processed image</u> ~~to be printed~~ ~~obtained~~ by <u>synthesizing</u> ~~compositing~~ the <u>received</u> image ~~to be~~ ~~printed~~ with a template image <u>which is read from said storage in accordance with</u> ~~corresponding~~ ~~to~~ information received from the image inputting apparatus together with the image to be printed.

20.   (Currently Amended) A printing system comprising an image inputting apparatus and an information processing apparatus, wherein said image inputting apparatus comprises<u>:</u>

    <u>a</u> capture <u>section, arranged to capture</u> ~~means for capturing~~ an ~~image,~~ <u>image;</u>

    <u>a</u> storage <u>controller, arranged to store</u> ~~control means for storing~~ the <u>captured</u> image ~~captured by said capture means in a memory,~~ <u>in memory;</u>

    <u>a</u> first communication <u>section, arranged to communicate</u> ~~means for~~ ~~communicating~~ with said information processing apparatus~~, and~~<u>;</u>

    <u>an</u> inputting <u>section, arranged to input</u> ~~means for inputting~~ a print request of the captured or stored ~~image,~~ <u>image; and</u>

a setting section, arranged to set a display property which defines image processing to be applied to an image by said information processing apparatus, ~~and~~

wherein said information processing apparatus comprises:

a second communication section, arranged to receive a ~~means for receiving the~~ print execution instruction, an ~~and the~~ image to be printed, and the display property from said image inputting apparatus;

a processor, arranged to perform the image processing defined by the received display property on the received image; and

a controller, arranged to issue ~~control means for issuing~~ a print request of the processed ~~received~~ image ~~to a connected printer apparatus,~~ and to transmit ~~transmitting~~ the processed ~~received~~ image to a connected printer, and

wherein said first and second communication sections ~~means~~ execute a communication for exchanging the print execution instruction, ~~and~~ the image to be printed, and the display property when said inputting section ~~means~~ inputs the print request.

21.   (Currently Amended) A controlling method of an image inputting apparatus which comprises a capture section arranged to capture ~~means for capturing~~ an image, a storage controller arranged to store ~~control means for storing~~ the captured image ~~captured by said capture means in a~~ in memory, and a communication section arranged to communicate ~~means for communicating~~ with an information processing apparatus to which a printer ~~apparatus~~ is connected, said method comprising the steps of:

setting a display property which defines image processing to be applied to an image by the information processing apparatus,

inputting a print request of the captured or stored image ~~captured by said capture means or stored in the memory;~~ and

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transmitting a print execution instruction, the captured or stored ~~and an~~ image to be printed, and the display property to the information processing apparatus using the ~~said~~ communication section ~~means~~ on the basis of the print request.

22.   (Currently Amended) An information processing method comprising the steps of:

receiving a print execution instruction, ~~and~~ an image to be printed, and a display property from an image inputting apparatus;

performing image processing defined by the received display property on the received image;

issuing a print request of the processed ~~received~~ image to a connected printer ~~apparatus~~; and

transmitting the processed image ~~to be printed~~ to the printer ~~apparatus~~.

23.   (Currently Amended) A computer program product storing ~~comprising~~ a computer readable medium comprising ~~having~~ a computer program ~~code~~, for a controlling method of an image inputting apparatus which comprises a capture section arranged to capture ~~means for capturing~~ an image, a storage controller arranged to store ~~control means for storing~~ the captured image ~~captured by said capture means in a~~ in memory, and a communication section arranged to communicate ~~means for communicating~~ with an information processing apparatus to which a printer ~~apparatus~~ is connected, said controlling method ~~product~~ comprising the steps of:

setting a display property which defines image processing to be applied to an image by the information processing apparatus;

~~an inputting process procedure code for~~ inputting a print request of the captured or stored image ~~captured by said capture means or stored in the memory~~; and

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a transmitting process procedure code for transmitting a print execution instruction, the captured or stored and an image to be printed, and the display property to the information processing apparatus using the said communication section means on the basis of the print request.

24.   (Currently Amended) A computer program product storing comprising a computer readable medium comprising having a computer program code, for an information processing method, said product information processing method comprising the steps of:

a receiving process procedure code for receiving a print execution instruction, and an image to be printed, and a display property from an image inputting apparatus;

performing image processing defined by the received display property on the received image;

an issuing process procedure code for issuing a print request of the processed received image to a connected printer apparatus; and

a transmitting process procedure code for transmitting the processed image to be printed to the printer apparatus.

25.   (Currently Amended) The image inputting apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

an editing setter arranged to set an edit process of an image,

wherein said communication section means has setting means for setting an edit process of the image to be printed, and sends edit process information indicating the set edit process together with the image to be printed to the information processing apparatus.

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26.   (Currently Amended) The <u>image inputting</u> apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the information processing apparatus launches a program corresponding to contents of the edit process <u>indicated by the received edit process information</u>.

27.   (Currently Amended) The <u>image inputting</u> apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the edit process information has a <u>digital print order</u> ~~DPOF~~ format.